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FANWOOD

The school routine at Fanwood has functioned remarkably well and smoothly during the past week, after the bustle and activity coincident to the opening days, along with the large number of new pupils from the other schools.

The newcomers have been assigned to academic grades in accordance with records supplied by their former schools, and put in vocational classes as much as possible in line with their inclinations. The boys were allowed to select two courses of study, and with three newly-organized classes in addition to the three old ones, there was a wider latitude of choice.

A new addition to the Academic department staff is Mr. Dan Pratt Tucker, M.A., a member of the 1934 Normal Training Class at Gallaudet College. Mr. Tucker graduated from Westminster College, Fulton, Mo., in 1930, with a B.A. degree.

An introduction to the new Vocational teachers and their classes is presented herewith:

Mr. Wilbur L. Tyrrell has been placed in charge of the newly-organized Class in Electricity and Household Mechanics. Mr. Tyrrell is a graduate of Pratt Institute in Industrial Electric Engineering. He was instructor in trades at Williams Trade School, Scranton, Pa., for five years; Technical Expert on U. S. Army General Staff for two years; Assistant Chief of Trade and Industrial Training, Rehabilitation Division, U. S. Veterans Bureau, for four years; instructor of electrical engineering, Mechanics Institute, Rochester, N. Y., for one year; and Research Engineer, Radio Corporation of America and Brown Instrument Co. for six years.

Mr. Albert W. Swinyard has been placed in charge of the newly-organized Class in Baking. Mr. Swinyard received his training as baker in Kent, England. He is a graduate of Buffalo State Teachers College and has had practice teaching in related subject matter at the Continuation School, Buffalo, N. Y.

Mr. Charles W. Gruber has assumed charge of the newly-organized Auto Mechanics and Sheet Metal classes. Mr. Gruber received his training at the State Teachers College at Buffalo and holds a New York State teacher's license. He has taught for a half year in a Buffalo vocational high school.

Vacation experiences have been quite a topic of interest around the school, and the reporter has been able to record the doings of some.

Supt. Skyberg and Mrs. Skyberg spent most of the time at their summer home at Spencertown, which is not far distant from the Adirondack foothills. Mr. Skyberg "commuted" down to the city now and then, and spent a week here during the hottest period, being one of the official interpreters at the convention of the National Association of the Deaf last July.

Mr. and Mrs. Iles and their son, Richard, visited relatives and friends in New York State, Pennsylvania and Connecticut, dividing the major part of their vacation between Ulster, Penn., and New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Boatner motored to the Mississippi gulf coast for their vacation, taking the Coast Line route through the Carolinas, Georgia and Florida. They had a cottage facing the Gulf, where Mr. Boatner spent all waking hours fishing. Trips were made to Jackson, Miss., to visit Mrs. Boatner's relatives. The return trip led through Alabama, the Shenandoah Valley and a stop-over at Washington, D. C., for a visit on Kendall Green.

Miss Peck spent part of the summer in Caldwell, N. J., with Dr. and Mrs. Fox. And she also was in South Egremont, Mass., for three or four weeks. In July she visited Miss Van Dusen at the Pennsylvania State Oral School in Scranton, and was much interested in all the improvements that are being made there. Their new school building is under construction and will be completed next year.

Prof. Burdick writes that a great surprise suddenly overtook him last spring when his son bought his old car and assisted to finance the purchase of a new Oldsmobile. In this new car they have very comfortably ridden some 3,800 miles during the summer vacation, visiting relatives and friends at Rome, N. Y., Crown Point, N. Y., and Philadelphia and Westchester, Penn.

They also took a trip with friends through the Thousand Islands in the St. Lawrence River. Mr. Burdick accepted invitations each Sunday during the vacation either to teach a Sunday-school class or to address a church congregation.

Miss Bost had a six-day trip through the Canadian Rockies and then sailed from Tacoma, Wash., to Skagway, Alaska. On the way back from Seattle, she visited Rainier National Park, also Glacier National Park.

Then for several days, with Miss Foysythe and two other friends, she enjoyed Misses Scofield and Teegarden's lovely cottage on Lake Waccabuc, while they were away.

Mrs. Voorhees did quite a bit of traveling. She stopped two days at Asbury Park, N. J., and later went to the World's Fair, returning by slow boat from Chicago to Buffalo, visiting Milwaukee, Makinac Island, Detroit and Buffalo enroute. Then she basked in the sun the rest of the time at home in Ulster, Pa.

Mrs. Nurk went down South and spent the summer in North Carolina with her father.

Mrs. Watson visited friends and relatives in Buffalo, N. Y., and in St. Catharines and Toronto, Canada.

Sundry

Wm. V. James, of Johnstown, Pa., and "Rex," Greensburg scribe, returned home after a delightful trip to Harrisburg and Hershey. While strolling in and around beautiful Hershey Park, were agreeably surprised to meet their old-time friend, Scott Forshman of Lebanon, and had a lively chat with him. They visited the wonderful zoological garden, the Indian museum and the other interesting places. Mr. Forshman is a Gallaudet '03 man, and has a good position with a Lebanon printing office. "Rex" also attended Gallaudet College.

Miss G. E. Douglas has returned to Albany, N. Y., where she is teacher in New York State college, after a six weeks' vacation, during which she visited a few days with her mother, Mrs. Lizzie Douglas, 102 Vernon Street, and the rest of the time was spent at Cornell University. She took her mother and her deaf friends, Miss Eliason, of Winchendon, and Mr. Aalto, of this city, to the New England Gallaudet Deaf Association convention held in Clinton Hotel, Springfield, which more than 800 attended. They enjoyed meeting friends and schoolmates. The association was organized thirty-seven years ago and biennial meetings are held in various parts of New England.—*Gardner (Mass.) News.*

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NEW YORK CITY

A big jump in membership, a high percentage of attendance and bubbling enthusiasm marked the first meeting of the Theatre Guild of the Deaf, held at the Heckscher Theatre, 104th Street and Fifth Avenue, last Wednesday night. More than forty of the fifty paid-up members were present, a number of them joining that night.

Mr. Emerson Romero, the founder of the Guild, spoke about the coming "Varieties"—October 13th, at 8:15, in case you don't know—and explained the Guild ideal of producing shows of real merit. Mr. John N. Funk made a speech boosting the Guild, a real pep talk, stressing the point that, with the Guild, "the play's the thing" and painting a rosy future for the Guild.

After the speeches, nominations were opened and the following officers elected: President, Emerson Romero; First Vice-President, Dr. Edwin W. Nies; Secretary, Alan B. Crammatte; Treasurer, Joseph Call. The directors are John N. Funk, Chairman; Samuel Block, Jere V. Fives, Ben Friedwald, Belle Peters, Maud H. Nies. Trustees are Arthur Kruger, George Lynch, Nathan Schwartz.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Siegel (*nee* Miss Freda Pollock) with their daughter, Bernice, attended the re-ter, Bernice, attended the reunion and union and convention at the Mt. Airy school on August 31st to September 3d. Mrs. Siegel enjoyed herself immensely, meeting her old schoolmates, classmates and friends whom she had not seen for about 25 years. The Mt. Airy school, through the Superintendent, Dr. Gruver, was most hospitable to its guests, who were loud in their appreciation. Although Mr. Siegel is a loyal Fanwoodite, he couldn't help admitting that the Mt. Airy school has no equal in beauty of surroundings and the excellence in education of their pupils, for they concentrate on character construction, which he says should be seriously considered by others, as we sadly need good breeding.

Hugo Schmidt one day recently was standing in front of No. 711 Eighth Avenue, where the Deaf-Mutes' Union League has its rooms on the top floor. Others have often done likewise. This would not be news, except that an elderly woman in passing where he stood, dropped her purse, which contained nine dollars and few odd cents. After going half a block, she missed the purse, and turned back, looking over the path she traversed, and when she came to where Hugo Schmidt was standing, her heart was gladdened when Hugo showed her the purse and asked her if it was hers. She looked it over and after counting the contents, and seeing that nothing was missing, she handed Hugo three dollars as a reward for his honesty.

A score of New Yorkers, as already chronicled in this column, took in the conventions in other states—Springfield, Mass., and Philadelphia, Pa., and a few at Albany, N. Y., during the Labor Day holidays, but a couple—Messrs. Herbert Lieberz and James H. Quinn—were not satisfied with a mere few days' trip so did not return for over a week. They motored in Mr. Lieberz's reliable Ford, taking turns at the wheel. They went as far as Chicago, but did not take in the Fair. They stopped at various towns during the night. They declare they had a "wonderful" trip.

Scott Hutchins is now touring the Southern states on his speedy motorcycle. A card locates him at Miami, Fla., on the 7th, and he states it was certainly hot down there.

Dr. John J. Mayers, the son of Mrs. Mollie Mayers, *nee* Mollie Rosenberg, was married to Miss Bess Alinkoff on September 9th. They are spending the honeymoon in the West Indies. Dr. Mayers is a graduate of Columbia University Dental School and College of Physicians and Surgeons and the University* of Florida. He is a member of Phi Beta Delta fraternity and the Riverview Tennis Club for four years. He has been a member of the staff at Sydenham Hospital, New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel B. Kline, of Cleveland, O., visited and stayed at the home of Mrs. Kline's (*nee* Sara Zanger) parents for two months. They had such a grand time during their sojourn. Their friends were overjoyed to see them once more. They left for Cleveland by an auto September 6th. At first they stopped in Scranton, Pa., for three days at one of their friends, and on September 9th, arrived in Cleveland safely. It was a beautiful trip all the way through the Allegheny Mountains. Mr. Kline was ready to go to school, which opened on September 12th. He is an industrial art teacher in the Cleveland (oral) School for the Deaf.

The first Fall entertainment of St. Ann's Church will be held on Saturday evening, Sept. 29th, when the V. B. G. A. will give four one-act comedy playlets. The chairman wishes to announce that these plays have never been produced in the Church before and will be interesting to all who come that evening. Come before 8:30 o'clock, at which time the curtain will rise, or you will miss the first act. Admission is only thirty-five cents for these good plays. Please keep this date in mind. See adv. elsewhere.

N. A. D. Secretary Altor Sedlow, together with wife and daughter, left for a two weeks' vacation on Thursday, September 20th. N. A. D. letters requiring prompt reply should be sent to President Kenner direct, at 114 West 27th Street, New York. Mr. and Mrs. Sedlow are first going to Buffalo and from there may go to Canada or Chicago. Mr. Sedlow has not as yet recovered fully from his illness during convention week and is still under medical care.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Goldfogle were at Asbury Park, and viewed the burned steamer "Morro Castle," which beached there. George Herbst, Jr., also was there, and when on the beach within fifty feet of the burning ship, could feel the heat coming from the boat. In the evening he missed the bus to New York and had to stay there until the next morning.

The Knights and Ladies of De l'Epee Sick and Disability Association will have a Bunco and "500" Card Party on Saturday evening, September 22d, at Johnston's Hall in Brooklyn.

Mrs. Anna Tinglino, of 2505 Hoffman Street, Bronx, N. Y., would like to know the whereabouts of her husband, Mr. Alexander Tinglino, who disappeared from home about eight years ago, and has not been heard from since. Any information about him will be greatly appreciated.

William Lustgarten arrived home from his annual vacation last week. This time it included a stay of one week in Albany, N. Y., thence to Boston, Mass.; White Mountains, N. H., and finally through Maine.

On Friday, September 14th, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fisher became the parents of a baby boy, weighing five pounds.

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BOSTON

Once more, ye scribe takes up, where she left off in this column nearly two months ago. To get back on the right track, a few items may be stale, yet news is news these days and are given as a matter of record.

Independence Day, July 4th, was celebrated with the annual outing of the N. F. S. D. No. 35, at the Home for the Aged and Infirm Deaf at Danvers. A cafeteria luncheon, set up by the Ladies Auxiliary, was enjoyed. A fair-sized crowd was on hand, the location of the place being very familiar, with many out-of-towners being present. A small profit was realized from the cafeteria sales, under the capable management of Mrs. M. Kornblum, who can always pick up a profit, where there is any to be had.

Around 65 attended the Boston Silent Club outing held at Rockport, R. I., on Sunday, August 11th. Two chartered buses conveyed them to the picnic. Baseball, swimming and amusements were the major attractions. A good time was had by all attending, despite the chilly weather.

The H. A. D. picnicked at Nantasket Beach, the following Sunday, August 19th. Members and their friends brought well-filled baskets and greatly enjoyed the dinner. The day was ideal, and swimming and water sports were indulged in all afternoon.

A jolly time was had by about 12 friends who attended a birthday social in honor of our local "butter and egg" man, Mr. Joe Weinberg, at the Weinberg home on Friday evening, August 17th. Mrs. L. Farliser and Mrs. J. Ebin were the out-of-town guests.

Mr. Julius Casterline is happy over the fact that his better half gave birth to a baby daughter weighing 8 pounds 5 ounces, on the 3d of August. This is their second child, their first being a boy, Bernard, aged 4 years.

Mr. Phil Steinberg is at present employed in a furniture factory at Hartford, Conn. He worked for some time at this trade in Boston, until laid off on account of the continued business depression. Last month he left for Connecticut, where he met with success. He spent the last week-end at his home in Dorchester, and will return again for the Hebrew high holidays.

Still another, Louis H. Snyder, was fortunate to secure work as shipper in a shoe factory at Portsmouth, N. H., after a half-year's lay-off. During that time, he had done odd jobs, while Mrs. Snyder, who is an expert textile repairer, helped keep things going during this period of idleness. Mr. Snyder's parents operate a lunchroom near the factory, and he lives with them, returning only on week-ends. He hopes to be transferred to Chelsea, Mass., early next year.

It was with deep regret that we read of the death of Mr. Tony Krason, of Springfield, aged 22 years, in the daily papers. This young man attended the Clarke school, Northampton, if the writer's guess is not mistaken, and also was a member of the N. F. S. D. No. 63. His Boston friends were shocked at his untimely end. Tony was last seen at the N. F. S. D. No. 35 New Year's week-end celebration.

Messrs. Bob McCarthy, William Gaines, Tom Cryan, and Mike Kornblum have taken motorboat spins nearly every Sunday this summer, to their favorite places, Minot and Graves Islands, near Boston Light. They enjoyed fishing and swimming on these occasions. This accounts for their absence from the local outings.

Miss Josephine Pagliacco, of Springfield, has been in Maine nearly all summer, with her relatives. She returned in time to attend the New England Gallaudet Association convention on Labor Day.

Miss Leah Romsey, also of Springfield, spent the week-end of August 9th to 11th visiting the writer. On Saturday they were dinner guests at the home of Miss Minnie Molinsky. This was followed by a pleasant evening at Mrs. M. Cohen's, where Miss

Romsey made new friends. Sunday she was taken on a sightseeing tour. Misses Ruth Sanger, of Natick, and Frances Gibbons, of Braintree, took a trip to the Century of Progress Exposition at Chicago. They returned in time for the Boston Oral Club at Hampton Beach, N. H., on July 23d. They are students at Natick and Braintree High, respectively, and are constant companions wherever they go.

Mrs. J. M. Ebin (*nee* Doren) and baby, of Bronx, N. Y., have been in town since the latter part of July, as the guests of the M. Millers, of Dorchester. Mrs. Ebin returned to New York for the N. A. D. convention, accompanied by Mrs. Miller and Misses Molinsky and Wilson, they returning on Saturday, July 28th, while Misses Molinsky and Wilson remained another day as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. N. Schwartz. Mrs. Ebin is a former Bostonian, and bridge gatherings were given in her honor by Mesdames Jos. Weinberg and Miller, on August 10th and 14th.

Another former Bostonian is Mrs. L. Farliser, of Brooklyn, N. Y., who with her two boys have been visiting her family in Roxbury since the 16th of August. They remained until Labor Day.

We are glad to report that Mrs. James Coon, of Cambridge, is much improved, after several weeks' treatment at City Hospital. She has been visiting her in-laws at Nova Scotia since July 30th, and is still there, the climate agreeing with her. James, an E. R. A. worker, may join her late this fall.

A romance, which has kept the local deaf a-buzz for the last six months, reached a climax, when one of our confirmed bachelors, Paul Mitchell, of Dorchester, and Miss Helen Neale announced their engagement, on August 29th. They are members of the Boston Oral Club, while Miss Neale is one of the active members of the Speech-Readers' Guild. Congratulations!

As a result of the Camp Fund (originated by the H. A. D. early last year) Charles Goldman and Bernard Golden, members of the Sunday school, and their companion, returned to their homes, tanned, after a two weeks' vacation at a camp in New Hampshire, under the auspices of the Boston Y. M. C. A.

Miss Sara Downey, of Dedham, has achieved her ambition to travel finally. She spent a few days as the guest of the F. Linsays (*nee* Lillian Mitchell) of New Brunswick, N. J., and wound up her tour of the Western cities at the World's Fair at Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Abe Cohen (*nee* Levine), of Providence, R. I., paid a surprise visit to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rosenstein, of Roxbury, on Sunday, August 5th. An impromptu social was held on that evening, at which Mrs. L. Farliser was present. Mesdames Levine, Rosenstein and Farliser were schoolmates at the American School for the Deaf at Hartford, Conn.

Mr. Cohen has been commuting to Boston, where he is holding a position for the summer, before returning to take up his duties at the Rhode Island school.

The newly-married couple of six months, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Gouner, have gone into housekeeping, and are now located at 9 Page Street, Dorchester. Ye scribe also has moved with her sister's family. The new address is E. Wilson, 64 Walk Hill Street, Mattapan. Any news items received will be appreciated.

Among the Bostonians who were present at the seventeenth convention of the N. A. D. were Mr. and Mrs. D. Fecteau, of Revere; Mr. and Mrs. G. Pike, of Back Bay; Misses F. D'Avignon, N. Weiss, M. Molinsky and E. Wilson, Mr. A. Kravitz, Mr. E. Croft, Mr. F. Ascher, of Springfield; Misses R. Gold, A. Toohey, Rev. J. Stanley Light, Mrs. M. Miller and Misses Lucy Young and Antoinette Milano.

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SEATTLE

The Labor Day picnic under the auspices of the P. S. A. D. had the largest attendance in several years, (80) and apparently everybody enjoyed the day. Baskets of good things to eat were laid on the long tables by the families, and those single were invited to join them. Various races were played and prizes were won by Miss S. Mullin, Mrs. Bradbury, Miss Larson and several men, whose names the writer could not get. A softball team, under LeRoy Bradbury beat Neils Boesen's nine by 25 to 28. Each of the winners received a cigar. The crowd had another lunch in the evening, and it grew dark soon enough. Like the July 4th picnic, it took place at Ravenna Park. Committee in charge were W. E. Brown, Chairman, A. C. Reeves and J. T. Bodley.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Jack, of Chehalis; Miss Moller, of Portland; Mr. and Mrs. Boesen, Mr. and Mrs. Stebbins, Mr. and Mrs. Hale, and Messrs. Jensen, Rowland and Carter, of Tacoma, attended the gathering.

We had the pleasure of entertaining Mr. and Mrs. Jack at our home for a couple nights, and Saturday evening a small party honored the visitors.

The Delegate Fund party, September 1st, was as successful as last month in spite of a smaller attendance. Mrs. Bodley and LeRoy Bradbury captured the first prizes for tournament bridge and several other prizes were given for games. Ice-cream and frost-covered cookies were served by several ladies.

Mrs. Coats, of Vancouver, and Robert Rogers and Mr. Ratzlink, of Ellensburg, were among the out-of-town visitors.

Mrs. Coats and little daughter visited relatives in Bellingham, and stopped three days at Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Garrison's residence before returning home.

Miss Mary Dortero, one of the prettiest girls of deaf parents, was the recipient of numerous beautiful gifts at a bridal shower, given by Mrs. Claire Reeves at her apartment, Friday evening, September 7th. Eighteen ladies were present, and the hostess served a dainty luncheon. Mary will be married on the 17th of next month, to a fine young man. She deserves every happiness as she has been such a good girl and worked faithfully during the illness of her departed mother.

Mrs. E. Ziegler went to Portland, September 1st, and stayed at Mrs. Kredit's place till the evening of Labor Day, visiting friends. Sunday morning they took a bus to Salem, Ore., where a lovely dinner awaited them at Prof. and Mrs. Lindstrom's hospitable home. In the afternoon a good number of friends dropped in for a chat and to meet Mrs. Ziegler. Another luncheon and the Lindstroms drove their guests to the bus station for Portland. It was the best vacation Mrs. Ziegler had for a long time, she remarked.

After a month's stay in San Francisco, Miss Mabel Partridge returned home last Sunday. She was full of happiness and smiles when relating the wonderful time she experienced. They showed her all the beauty spots and the surrounding country and she took a dip in the ocean. Mabel met Clark Gable, the actor, a friend of her hostess' family. Mabel declined their invitation to spend all winter and go to school there, saying she preferred Seattle.

A niece of Mr. and Mrs. Reeves flew in an airplane from Baltimore to Seattle a few days ago and called on them. She returned East by air, stressing it is as safe as any other way of travel. She owns a beauty parlor.

Frank Morrissey's daughter presented him a trip back to his old home town in Wisconsin. He wrote to Mr. and Mrs. Brown of his enjoyable visit to the state picnic and of his intention to see the Fair in Chicago.

Mrs. Bodley was made very happy to see her old friend, Mrs. E. Hanson, formerly Mabel Sharp from the Minnesota school. The lady and her hus-

band and their hearing friends, living in Montana, were touring the west in their Chevrolet car. They stopped in Centralia, Tacoma and Seattle to look up old friends. Mr. and Mrs. Hanson own a merchandise store in some town in Montana. It was their first trip on the coast, and they think it was truly the Charmed Land.

Miss Heddie Schweinruber invited Mr. and Mrs. Garrison and Mr. and Mrs. Boesen, of Tacoma, to her father's big dairy farm in North Bend last week-end. They had a great time investigating the 140-acre farm. Heddie will go back to the Vancouver school for another term.

Rev. Westerman saw Mrs. Cookman in Anacortes last Sunday, suffering from blood poisoning. After using a needle to let out pus in her little son's toe she pinned it on her dress and accidentally scratched her left forefinger on it. In an hour her whole arm was swollen painfully, and the doctor said if she had waited an hour longer aid would be beyond her. The finger was to be amputated last Wednesday, and they hoped her hand would be saved. She is a sweet tempered little matron, and we trust she is recovering by now. Her husband works in a mill there.

Mrs. Heimmelschein, whose husband passed away last July, has rented her house to the Cookman family and gone to Wenatchee. Mr. Cookman has started improving the place in his spare time.

True Partridge spent Labor Day fishing bass at Lake Tapps and brought home several for Mrs. Partridge to bake for dinner.

Mrs. Schaal, daughter of A. K. Waugh had about a dozen friends for a fine dinner at her new brick house recently. The occasion was for Mr. Waugh's birthday. A bright six-year-old blonde little fellow is romping and making himself at home. Mrs. Schaal is seriously thinking of adopting him.

Mrs. Elsie Key was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Bodley for a few days. She loves the climate of the Puget Sound. She has been living in Butte, Mont., for some time.

Fred Wise, one of our popular young men, who left Seattle to work at the Colorado school about a couple of years ago, is back with us. He brought his charming bride of a year, whose acquaintance we are pleased to make. They are at present staying with an uncle in Kirkland, but they intend to get an apartment near the trunk and suit case factory where Fred secured employment a week after his arrival here.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Horn, of Vancouver, Wash., were the last visitors at the Hunters' Den on Lake Sutherland before Prof. and Mrs. Hunters closed the place and went back to Vancouver about middle of August. They stopped at Mr. and Mrs. Jack's overnight in Chehalis. They had to leave the lake early to attend their grapes that became ripe for shipping.

Mr. and Mrs. Sheatsley, of Centralia, motored to Yakima last month, and have been employed in a fruit packing house. They plan to stay there till late in the fall.

Mrs. Frances Medcalf and son are nicely settled in a private family near Everett on the shore of the sound. They lived with Mr. and Mrs. Sneve in Sylva for a year or so.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Frederickson and two sons, of Everett, and Charles Frederickson, of Stanwood, have been camping at Charles' summer home on Camano Island.

Mrs. Josie Carlson and her baby boy are moving from Blaine to St. Paul or Duluth.

PUGET SOUND.

September 8th.

Sundry

Mrs. H. R. McCarty and her two children, Dorothy and Louis, all of Battle Creek, Mich., were enroute to the Chicago World's Fair and their relatives, when they had a slight accident near South Bend, Ind. However, they were able to proceed and reached Chicago in due time. After two weeks visiting, they are back home now.

GALLAUDET HOME

We had hot weather here with only occasional showers, but later we have had several rainstorms. We were afraid that the drought would spoil the crops of the Home farm, but to our surprise it did not. We hear that farms in the central and western part of the State suffered much more severely from the drought than we did.

On the 7th of July, Mrs. Katie Leary left on a vacation to Byron, N. Y., to be the guest of her sister, Mrs. Browning.

On the 28th of July, Louis Tomlins, our janitor, took Sharp, Kohl, Meyer, Keller and Thompson, in the suburban car to Indian Point, where they met many of the N. A. D. Conventioneers enjoying themselves to the very end of the happy week. After a hasty lunch at the Point, they shortly returned to the Home, notwithstanding the heavy shower they had to drive through.

On the 29th of July, Dennis A. Costello, of Rome; Robert Mayer-shofer, of Booneville; and Clyde Hiltz, of Rome, visited the Home after their return from the N. A. D. Convention in New York City. Mr. Costello has been employed as chef at the Rome School for the Deaf for many years.

On August 5th, Mr. and Mrs. Naylor, of Barnesville, O., came to the Home by car, for a visit; remained here overnight, and returned to their home the next day.

On August 26th, Mrs. Vanskirk entertained visitors in the person of her sister and son-in-law.

The 27th of August, Mr. and Mrs. Kohl's daughter and son-in-law of Bronx, N. Y. C., came to visit them, for a short time.

We welcomed a new resident to the Home on August 25th. Mr. Carl Cox, of Buffalo, came across the State with his mother, Mrs. Jennie Cox, by train. Mrs. Cox is seventy-three years of age, and we all, especially her fellow Buffalonian, John Burmeister, are glad to have her here with us. She is a product of the Rome school.

Vernon Roblee's brother and sister-in-law made him a brief call at the Home; remaining no longer than overnight.

Labor Day was recently observed by us here at the Home. The United States has kept this holiday since 1885, or for forty-seven years. We observed it by taking our dinner at six tables set on the lawn in front of our main building. We enjoyed frankfurters and rolls, coffee, cake and ice-cream. Miss Martin took our pictures while we were eating. We greatly appreciate the kindness of Miss Barrager is treating us to the ice-cream.

This writer only recently returned from a month's visit with friends and relatives in Buffalo, and so that accounts for the absence of this column in the JOURNAL recently, and the age of some of this news. But we trust that it will prove interesting to our readers and especially the friends of the Home in spite of its age.

On July 5th, he left Poughkeepsie by bus in the morning, at Kingston he changed buses and traveled via Albany and Syracuse to Rochester, by the Greyhound Line. In Rochester, at which school he received his education in the year 1879, he was invited by Mr. Forrester, the present Superintendent, to remain there overnight. The next morning, after breakfast, a deaf lady now employed at the school, took him through the schoolrooms and other buildings. The two new buildings are wonderful, and he found it hard to believe that is the same school where he spent his childhood. And he also remembered with a thrill the twenty years which he served his *Alma Mater* as a baker, after he had completed the school course. He was also much surprised at the wonderful growth of the city of Rochester since his last visit before 1922.

From Rochester that afternoon, he took a Greyhound bus to Buffalo, arriving in that latter city in the

evening. The next day he visited some of his cousins and deaf friends in the city, after which he went to the farm home of his nephew and family about ten miles southwest of Buffalo. He spent his vacation here until the fifth of August, when he took advantage of the excursion trip to Syracuse. In Syracuse he made a change of buses and reached Albany late in the evening and spent the night there. A boat-trip down the Hudson River the next day brought him to Poughkeepsie late in the afternoon, and there he found Edwin Rikeman and Miss Martin waiting with the Home car to take him to the Home.

J. M. B.

New England Gallaudet Association of the Deaf

The Thirty-seventh Biennial Convention of the New England Gallaudet Association of the Deaf officially opened Saturday afternoon, September 1st, at the Mahogany Room of the Municipal Auditorium, Springfield, Mass., with the arrival of Mayor Henry Martens of Springfield, United States Congressman William Granfield, of Massachusetts, and Massachusetts Representative Philip Markley. About two hundred fifty people were present at the opening ceremonies. The convention brought delegates and friends from throughout the New England States and New York State, who have not met in Springfield since 1912. Rev. John J. Watson, of Lynn, who has charge of missions for the Catholic deaf in that city, gave the invocation. Following the invocation, Miss Constance Durian, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Durian, of Hartford, Ct., recited the "Star Spangled Banner." Mayor Martens welcomed the people and gave them the freedom of the city during their stay. United States Congressman Granfield explained the functions of the E. R. A. and their benefits or effects upon the deaf. Representative Markley assured the audience that he would do all what he could to make Massachusetts support the needs of the deaf. Mr. Henry Heim, supervisor of rehabilitation section for the state, gave an interesting address on the "Problems of the Deaf or Deafened." After the speaking program, greetings were brought to the convention by John O'Rourke for Massachusetts, Guy Bonham for Connecticut, Albert Heyer for Vermont, Lawrence Duggan for New Hampshire and Mrs. Lulu Flynn for Maine. Following the responses of greetings, William Battersby, of Lynn, the president of the association and also fourth grand vice-president of the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf, was escorted to the chair and he called the business session to order. During the session, Secretary Light read the messages from President Roosevelt and Governor Ely of Massachusetts, expressing their wishes for a successful convention. Secretary-Treasurer Light gave his biennial report and showed that the association was prospering financially. President Battersby addressed the gathering and told them of the activities of the Association for the past two years. Topics discussed included employment, liability and compensation insurance and traffic laws. After the order of the business program, the president appointed the auditing committee and the resolutions committee. The members of the Resolutions Committee were Colin McCord of Massachusetts, Miss Mary E. Atkinson of Connecticut, and Lawrence Duggan of New Hampshire. The business session adjourned late in the afternoon in order to allow the people time to attend the reception and ball which was held in the El Patio of Hotel Clinton in the evening. More than 500 people registered at the hotel. Dancing was very much in evidence and the dancers enjoyed "hearing" the music by Dick Burt and His Baystaters. As indicated by the reporters of the Springfield papers—"although none of the dancers could hear the music, they kept perfect time—through "feeling"

the sound vibrations. One reporter danced with several deaf ladies and pronounced that they were the best dancers he ever waltzed or fox-trotted. The chief feature of the ball was the waltz contest, which started at 11 P.M. Forty couples opened the contest and after two rounds of eliminations ten couples were chosen to compete in the semi-final round the next day. There were twenty-four tables of military-whist play for the non-dancers on the same evening and the high scorers got attractive prizes. In spite of the fact that the party was over at one in the morning, the hotel lobby was filled with a large crowd till four. The crowd had a grand time getting acquainted with each other. Sunday morning there were two special church services, one for the Catholic deaf by Rev. John J. Watson, and the other for Protestants by Rev. J. Stanley Light. At two-thirty the final business session was held in the hotel. At the business session it was announced that a new record for membership was established with 240 new members enrolled. The regular routine of the business program pulled through satisfactorily. One important feature of the business program was the creation of a new office so called Executive Vice-President—a sort of special managing officer. This office was created for the purpose of handling the affairs of the association, that is, directing the activities of the association in promoting the welfare of the deaf in the matter of employment, application of liability, compensation, traffic laws, state labor bureaus and civil service. The managing officer acts as deputy to the president and is also the chairman of the state managers appointed by the president. It was voted at the business session to separate the office of Secretary-Treasurer held by one officer, and to elect two officers respectively to the office of Secretary and Treasurer. At the election of officers, William H. Battersby, of Lynn, was elected to his fourth term as president of the association. Franz L. Ascher, of Springfield, Mass., was chosen to fill the new position of the executive vice-president; Rev. J. Stanley Light, of Dorchester, was reelected for the fifth time to the secretaryship, while Harry V. Jarvis, of Hartford, Conn., was elected treasurer. All the above officers were elected by acclamation, setting a new precedent in the history of the association. At this writing President Battersby appointed Colin McCord, of Lowell, as state manager of Massachusetts; Edward Szopa, of Hartford, as state manager of Connecticut; Albert Heyer, of St. Johnsbury, as state manager of Vermont, and Lawrence Duggan, of Berlin, as state manager of New Hampshire. The managers for Maine and Rhode Island are not yet named, but their names will be announced in the near future. The meeting was closed by a benediction given by Rev. Guilbert C. Braddock, Vicar of St. Ann's Church of New York City. Thus the business meeting of the association was adjourned *sine die* at five in the afternoon. Between six and eighty-thirty a buffet supper was served to nearly 300 people at the hotel. The menu was delicious. Following the buffet supper the delegates and friends were entertained by a professional troupe, Jack Lalley and His Lassies, who gave twelve acts of fancy dancing and acrobatic dancing. Among the entertainers Chin Ling Foo presented an half-hour act of Chinatown Mysteries by his clever magic tricks. Between the acts Miss Helen Heckman from Boston, a noted deaf dancer, who was present at our convention presented "Cherry Blossoms," a quaint Japanese dance. Miss Heckman has had previous stage experience, making tours all over the United States and Europe, winning for herself the title of American's Wonder Girl. Though she became deaf when a baby, she won fame through her famous dancing. Following the professional entertainment two pupils of Hartford School for Deaf, Norma Lose and Paul Dwin, gave dancing exhibitions which prov-

ed just as good as those given by the hearing dancers. An one-act play, "Advertising for a Wife," a very amusing play, with the leading players, Edward and Laura Kosinski from Hartford, Conn., concluded the entertainment program. At midnight general dancing was enjoyed by the guests. The feature of the evening was the prize waltz semi-finals in which ten couples competed. The final round between five couples was staged at one in the morning. The winning pair, Miss Olive Mayforth, of Providence, R.I., and Edward A. Legsdin, of Roslindale, Mass., each received a silver trophy with dancing figures, while the runner-up couple, Miss Laura Kosinski, of Hartford, Conn., and Dr. Edwin W. Nies, of New York City, got silver cups. Several door prizes, including five dollars, were won by the lucky number holders. The convention was concluded with an all-day outing at Riverside Grove, where Frank Sholes, of Providence, and Sarah Chadbourne, of Fall River, took most of the honors at the outing. Each took five out of nine games in the men's and women's events. The softball game was played between Massachusetts and Connecticut, 9 to 8 in favor of Massachusetts. Four special buses took more than 250 people to Riverside Park. Thus the convention was officially closed at five in the afternoon, and everybody went home tired and happy, knowing that the convention had come out wonderfully both socially and financially. All the credit goes to the able aides of General Chairman Franz L. Ascher for their splendid co-operation, namely, Arthur Enger, John Moran, Arno Klopfer, John Haggerty, Edward Szopa, La-Moyne Young, Nora Eagan, Ernest Sargent, Laura Kosinski and Harold Whitehouse. Splendid weather for three days was largely responsible for the success of the convention. Among the visitors at the convention from New York City were Mr. and Mrs. Herman Beck, Mr. and Mrs. Wolgamot, Mrs. J. Gass, Mr. Hatowsky, Mr. M. Loew, Mr. and Mrs. Moses Eisen, Mr. Souweine, Mr. Denegim, Mr. Hyman Fegen, Rev. Guilbert Braddock, Mr. Ray Cohen, Mr. Nat Morrell, Miss Goldy L. Aronson, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stein, Jr., Mr. Eugene Brannigan, Miss Jane Gass, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Lowinson, Mr. and Mrs. Max Lubin, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Renner, Dr. Edwin W. Nies, Mrs. Preston and daughter, Miss Marie Von Stromberg and Miss Emily Lipke. Mr. Renner, Mr. Lubin, Rev. Braddock, Dr. Nies and Mr. Beck were admitted into the association as honorary members. Mr. Souweine was one of the honorary members, being admitted into the association many years ago. Mr. John D. Baker, of New Britain, Conn., was the official interpreter of the convention. Among the letters read at the convention was a message from President Marcus Kenner of the National Association of the Deaf.

The Springfield Division, No. 67, N. F. S. D., will sponsor a "Country Fair Dance" on Saturday evening, October 13, 1934, at El Patio, Hotel Clinton, Springfield, Mass. Cider and doughnuts will be on sale. The prizes will be awarded to the winners of original costumes, as well as to the dance-contest winners. The admission to the dance will be fifty cents. There will be an all-day outing at Forest Park on October 14th. The sports will include broad-jump, running-jump, 100-yard dash, etc. Touch football will be played between Massachusetts and New York City. John E. Haggerty is the general chairman of the whole affair. Knowing his "own onions," the party will go off with a great bang and whoopee under the able supervision of Mr. Haggerty.

FRANZ L. ASCHER.

Mr. and Mrs. Emery F. Wolgamot returned after a delightful visit with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Daniels in Springfield, Mass. They also attended the three-day N. E. G. A. convention.

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DESPITE some adverse criticism that has been leveled at the National Association of the Deaf, it retains the undiminished confidence of the thoughtful, helpful, faithful group of its membership. Recognizing its inherent power for service, they desire to participate in the attainment of its aims—the material welfare of the deaf. There are always to be found people without any sense of loyalty, people who never refer to their own kind except in mockery, to make them the butt of criticism. This may appear smart, but is it? To find pleasure in heaving brickbats at almost any effort for their personal benefit would seem more like sheer stupidity.

Much censure of the Association has been prevalent for some time, the main line of attack being that it has failed in its aims, that it accomplishes no visible good, that it is bankrupt and practically dead. In a sense the reference to apparent bankruptcy may be true, and the same may be said of many other leading organizations which the depression has temporarily weakened, but which in time will recover their former stability and financial strength. Our Association is far from being dead; only live things are criticised; dead things and projects generally go unnoticed. A certain amount of difference and struggle in its membership indicates the continued vitality of the Association. In its past history it has met other crises and outlived them. It survives because of the excellence of the foundation upon which the pioneers built upon the solid rock of sincere devotion for the welfare of those whom it was intended to serve.

It would appear that there exists a cloud of misunderstanding as to the scope and limitations of the N. A. D. It does not pretend to offer direct financial benefits to its members, but it does seek to uphold their legal rights and thus carry forward the plans of the founders, whose ideals were utilitarian with no thought of personal emolument. The theory advanced by some, that the association has steadily

declined in power and influence, comes with bad grace at the present period, one of bewilderment, doubt and hesitation in almost every community; it should suggest rather that all pull together to place the Association on firm ground. Such was the task the recent convention set out to accomplish. Even if its financial condition be nil at present, it is not down and out; the flame may occasionally burn dimly but it has not gone out.

It should also be remembered that the new Executive Board is in no way responsible for the disheartening condition of affairs. The case of the Association's plight is not hopeless, and it is expected that, as the diagnosis is promising, the financial condition will soon show signs of convalescence. It is certain that the new Board will do all that is possible to insure a complete recovery of the Association's health and strength. But we cannot expect its rehabilitation without thinking that the goal we seek is based upon human values. In considering its so-called failures we should give credit to the large amount of good it has accomplished. In thus paying tribute to its past history we can hope for the future with courage and confidence of its return of strength, power and influence.

Human nature generally gives its best when the back is against the wall, when it needs the stimulant of strength; without conflict we are rarely steered to patience and courage. Inspired by the attainments of the past, we may look forward to the future with courage and confidence for increased effort in behalf of the Association and all that it represents.

THE September issue of the *American Annals of the Deaf* has come, replete with interesting articles on various subjects relating to the education of the deaf and kindred topics. Probably "Review of the L. P. F. for 1933-34," by I. S. F., cullings of personal views of teachers, reprinted from various school papers, will prove interesting to practical teachers as affording hints, suggestions and information. There are also other articles of educational value worthy of careful reading and which we hope to peruse in leisure moments.

Rush Order

Down at the Hotel Pennsylvania one afternoon not long ago, the amplifying system in the main banquet hall was found to be badly out of order, and since a convention was scheduled for the next day, the chief electrician and his helpers worked all night putting things to rights. It was only a few hours before the convention was to start that they went home wearily to bed, leaving the mikes in shape. They did not get mad till they woke up, and learned what the convention was—the National Association of the Deaf.—*New Yorker*, August 11th.

He Had Waited a Long Time

Bill Nye, when a young man, once made an engagement with a lady to take her driving. The appointed day came, but at the livery-stable all the horses were taken save one old, shaky, exceedingly gaunt beast. Mr. Nye, says *Harper's Weekly*, hired it, and drove to his friend's residence.

The lady kept him waiting nearly an hour before she was ready, and then, on viewing the shabby outfit, flatly refused to accompany Mr. Nye. "Why," she exclaimed, "that horse may die of old age any moment!" "Madam," Mr. Nye replied, "when I arrived that horse was a prancing young colt."

OHIO

News items for this column can be sent to Miss B. Edgar, 56 Latta Ave., Columbus, O.

The following from a Cincinnati paper of September 3d, reached me too late for my last letter, but may prove interesting to readers interested in Catholic schools for the deaf:

Committees and booth chairman for Visiting Day at St. Rita School for the Deaf, Skillman Road, to be held Labor Day, next Monday, were announced Monday by SS. Mary and Joseph Society, which is sponsoring the occasion. The object of the affair is not only to bring about a reunion of friends and supporters of the institution and former wards, but also to raise a fund, through the fete, to help meet the imperative financial needs of the school.

The grounds are spacious and will accommodate a large crowd of picnickers. There are parking facilities for 2,000 cars.

Many women's organizations in Greater Cincinnati are co-operating with the all-day festival to be held Monday, Labor Day, at St. Rita School for the Deaf, Skillman road. This festival day also is "Visiting Day," when guests are at liberty to roam through the institution, one of the finest of the kind in the country.

One of the groups who are assisting the Rev. Henry Waldhaus, spiritual director of the school, are the women of SS. Peter and Paul Church, North Norwood, who will operate the cafeteria. For this attraction,

the spacious barn on the school grounds has been converted into a Bohemian garden, where a home-cooked chicken dinner will be served.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Mather, of Richmond, Ind., motored to Cincinnati with their guest, Mrs. Divine of Vancouver, Washington, and gave her a bird's-eye view of Cincinnati before she left for her home. Of great interest was the famous new union station of which Cincinnatians are justly proud. Other places of note were visited. Mrs. Mather has now (Sept. 12th) returned to Columbus to take up her school duties Sept. 17th.

As far as I have been able to ascertain, there will be only one new teacher at the school this fall. She succeeds Elsie Schneider who was married last December and resigned at the close of school last May. Miss V. Sharp, who became Mrs. Calvin Cool last June, is to continue as a teacher.

Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Thomas are enjoying a vacation in the region of the Smoky Mountains. Mr. A. B. Greener is in Fort Wayne, Ind. with his other daughter, Mrs. J. K. Sherman during the absence of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas. His grandson, King Sherman, employed in Cincinnati, motored to Columbus to get Mr. Greener and take him to Fort Wayne.

Mr. Andrewjeski, on his way home to Akron from Mississippi, stopped over for a brief visit in Cincinnati. His wife, with the two daughters, made a later trip home in time for the girls to enter school.

I understand Mrs. Andrewjeski was called south early in the summer because of the illness of her aged father. Later he passed away and the family remained in the south till September. Mr. Andrewjeski went to Mississippi after the funeral.

Mr. C. M. Bohner, of Altoona, Pa., stopped in Cincinnati late in August when he was on his way to Middletown, Ohio, to visit relatives for an indefinite time.

Mrs. Benjamin Jacobson (Lillie Blachschleger) of Chicago, had a two months' visit with her folks in Cincinnati. After Labor Day she returned to Chicago with her husband, who spent one week in Cincinnati with relatives of his wife.

Mrs. Albert Bender of Cincinnati, was a charming hostess at a luncheon for Mrs. Howard Weber, Mrs. C. Bender, Mrs. Walters, Mrs. L. Bacheberle, Mrs. H. Woolley, Mrs. Ancel Lippert and Miss Katherine Toskey at the beautiful Bender home.

Flowers from the garden were artistically arranged in the rooms and the place cards were made by Mrs. Bender, who possesses much artistic talent. The repast was exquisitely served and the honored guests did full justice to it.

Later "500" was played and, as usual, Mrs. Louis Bacheberle won first prize as no one seems able to beat her at cards. Mrs. Lippert won second and Mrs. Woolley captured the third prize. A dainty gift was presented to Miss Katherine Toskey as the guest of honor as she was soon to leave her Cincinnati friends for Columbus to return to her teaching at the school.

E.

Tacoma, Wash.

Miss Nancy Virginia Wade, sister of Mrs. A. W. Wright, of Seattle, passed away at a local hospital Sunday evening, August 26th. The funeral was held from Piper's in South Tacoma, Wednesday morning, August 29th, with Rev. Westermann, of Seattle, officiating at the simple but impressive rites held in the funeral parlor and at the grave. Burial was in Mountain View Burial Park, our most beautiful cemetery. Friends were requested not to bring flowers, nevertheless the gray casket was beautiful with its covering of delicate-hued flowers and mauve ribbons, and several floral pieces paid tribute with their beauty.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Stebbins have returned from their vacation. The match factory where Stanley is employed having resumed operations after the settlement of the longshoremen's strike.

About eleven of our local deaf picnicked at Spanaway Lake on Labor Day. They were the Rowlands, Dixons, Suard, Burgetts and Joe Modar. A fine time was reported.

James Scanlon says he had a wonderful time around Labor Day, when Mr. Rogers, of Ellensburg, and Harry Ratacyk, who used to be a schoolmate of James at the Salem School and whom he had not seen for nine years, spent a night at his house. Three in a bed, they talked and talked and then talked some more. It was daylight before they finally succumbed to sleep. Believe it or not, all the talk was concerning farming. James says he never before took an interest in agriculture, but now he is ready to don a pair of overalls and dig irrigation ditches, instead of playing golf.

The depression has dealt slightly with at least two of our deaf young men, judging from their recently-acquired cars. Al Goetz is gadding around in a classy '28 Ford sport coupe, bought from a Park service station man, while Neils Boesen now owns his father's old car, his father having bought a new one. However, Al is soon to have another vacation without pay, P.W.A. funds having run out, and so he says he'll have to sell the car. Speaking of cars, we are glad to say that the Wainscott car is running smooth as the smoothest now that Russell has tinkered some more with its innards. "Gears were out of mesh" is how he explains the terrifying rumblings that have been remedied.

George Ecker loaded his family into the family car and started out seeing places, the week-end before Labor Day. Going via Olympia and Shelton, they went to Hoodport on Hood's Canal, to see relatives, but none being at home, they continued on until they had circled around to Longbranch and the Durant ranch, where Geo. D. and his father have been baching the last month or two, while George D's wife has been visiting relatives near Oakland, Cal. The Eckers remained with the Durants a couple of days, picking huckleberries and enjoying themselves. The apple crop on the Durant ranch is very heavy this year, limbs of trees sometimes breaking with their load. Mr. Ecker is going back soon to remain a week, a bachelor among bachelors, leaving even his beloved car at home.

Silent Fellowship may hereafter hold its monthly meetings in a downtown hall in regular club style. The majority of the members hope so, anyway. The success of the coming W. S. A. D. convention seems assured as far as funds are concerned.

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PHILADELPHIA

News items for this column should be sent to Howard S. Ferguson, 250 W. Sparks St., Olney, Philadelphia, Pa.

The Fairy Godmothers' Club started their 1934-35 business sessions with a meeting at the home of Mrs. Sylvan G. Stern in Logan. As they have eighteen members, and the club's quota is twenty, two new names will shortly be added to their roll. Plans have been laid for their coming card party this fall. It will be held on Columbus Day evening, Friday, October 12th, at the usual place, All Souls' Parish House. Liberal prizes will be awarded all winners. Proceeds of the affair goes for the upkeep of the Fairy Godmothers' Memorial Room at the Home for the Aged at Torresdale. Paste this date in your hat.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kuhn, of Olney, along with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wolfe, Mr. John A. Roach, and Mrs. Rhea Mohr, motored over to Bound Brook, N. J., in the Kuhn's Plymouth sedan, and paid a social call on Mr. and Mrs. Charles Trescott, at their cozy home, on Sunday afternoon, September 9th.

Mrs. Alex McGhee and her son, Albert, have returned from a three weeks' sojourn up in the New England States. Going up with Mr. and Mrs. Sweeney, of Trenton, N. J., in their car, they stopped for ten days at Marblehead, Mass. Mrs. McGhee visited St. Andrew's Church in Boston and sang a hymn in signs. She also visited the Aged Home in Danvers and sang a hymn for the residents. On her way home, she stopped off in New York and visited friends there.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Armor and their two children took an extended motor tour during their ten-day vacation during the week of September 1st. They went as far south and west as Little Rock, Ark., and then rode up north to Omaha, Neb., arriving a day too late for the convention held at the Nebraska School for the Deaf. They returned home by way of Chicago and put in three days at the Century of Progress while in the Windy City. Mr. Armor reports that the trip mileage totaled 3,600 miles.

John Caplis is walking around with his left hand in a sling, the result of an accident while at work in the Philco plant on August 18th last. A heavy radio cabinet somehow dropped on said hand and a compound fracture resulted, necessitating two operations.

The mother of Mrs. William L. Davis, of Overbrook, passed away on Wednesday, August 29th. Interment was held on September 1st.

Miss Clara Belle Rogers, a school teacher at the South Carolina School for the Deaf, was a recent visitor to Philadelphia and Wildwood, N. J.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bolitzer, of New York, will be glad to hear of the arrival of a bouncing baby boy in their home. Mrs. Bolitzer (*nee* Blanche Potomkin) came to the Methodist Hospital, Philadelphia, for the blessed event. Date of birth is August 22d. They have a little daughter now, 3½ years old, besides this.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard S. Ferguson, along with two of their children and Mr. Ferguson's mother, spent the week of August 25th in Atlantic City. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fragin, of Wilmington, Del., also spent three days at the shore, stopping at the same place as the Fergusons.

Mr. Albert Berg, of Mt. Airy, retired from the profession of teaching the deaf, after a service of many years, is Special Agent of the New England Mutual Life Insurance Company of Boston, Mass., authorized to act as such by the Pennsylvania State Department of Insurance. Mr. Berg is an expert in all phases of life insurance and deserving of confidence.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Balasa, along with their three children, departed from the Keystone State for their new location, Danville, Ky., on Saturday, September 15th, where Mr. Balasa will take up his new duties as Instructor of Tailoring at the Kentucky School for the Deaf with the opening of the

school year. Philadelphia is losing one of its loyal friends, and what's Philadelphia's loss is Kentucky's gain. We hope you won't forget your friends in Philly, Joe.

Mr. and Mrs. William A. Rowe have taken up housekeeping. They have secured a cute little flat up in Chestnut Hill, address is 7916 N. Ardleigh Street. As a coincidence, Mr. and Mrs. John Bessuparis have the apartment right above the Rowes. With these two newcomers to Chestnut Hill, Messrs. E. Arthur Kier and Davis Kirby, neighbors, can now make up a pinochle foursome.

A baby girl, Joan Beatrice, weight 7 pounds, has come to live with Mr. and Mrs. C. William Davis, of North Philadelphia. The baby arrived in the early morn of August 27th at the Jefferson Hospital. Both mother and daughter are at home now and doing fine. Sunday, September 16th, the baby was christened. F.

What does the Deaf Man in the Street Think of the Set of Resolutions Accepted by the Seventeenth Triennial N. A. D. Convention?

The first several resolutions of thanks display the dignity of the convention. That is a matter of routine business showing the appreciation of the convention for the participants.

The resolution regarding the respect for a father shows the beginning of an understanding by the deaf of the father's importance in connection with the training of his deaf children placed in a State institution or deaf school. It is an old policy with the managements of the deaf schools. It is too bad this recognition had not been taken care of long ago. If so, we would be less vitriolic in attacks and inversely increase our constructive criticisms minus stinging scorn which serves no purpose except to antagonize many who are lost to us forever and we secure empty victories. The wise father knows his child, when taught much like a hearing child in his feeling, understanding, disposition and work, as early as possible will be in a better position for life-time job and his decision in the matter of job almost always proves right and life-saving. The child so taught will drift amicably in the current of life as is evidenced in many places. It is for their own good.

In life we find many strata, coterie, associations, gatherings, clubs, etc., of people who do not feel completely at home when taken out of them and thrown into other strata, coterie, associations, gatherings and clubs, etc. They have a common understanding, common national interest, common whims and hobbies. Such deaf are visible in these gatherings in larger numbers than they would have been had their fathers failed to dictate their wish to have their deaf children educated in the method by means of which the fathers are trying to minimize the future "hard life" of their deaf children. It is their business and right. The Volta Bureau harps much on the feeling of the fathers and that is why it never has trouble to enlist their help, interest and enthusiasm. The fathers have a pride in their home life, name and deaf children. These children have an unpardonable and stupid scorn for the deaf like you and me. Most of them will gravitate into the deaf world, or in the latter part of their life they will realize their error when it is often too late. Then they seize upon isms. Their professionals, fine life-time jobs and better coterie may prove the salvation of their increasing age. It is not deniable that their manners show the absence of rough corners that are glaringly noticed in the deaf and that they move in society much easier. The oralist's borrow silly notions from their teachers or faddists regarding the deaf sign-language and are really or intentionally blind to the possible 100% perfect delivery of thought carried on in the deaf sign-language. It is only the ignorant mind that will laugh at the deaf sign-language for no apparent reason except he does not know what

he laughs about. The oralists are high strung and touchy over it. The deaf simply and philosophically smile at it, laugh with him and give him a cigar. They become acquaintances or business friends. The oralists should bear in mind that it is either a show-off or bad form to talk orally in a large gathering or lecture room of deaf, and also that the deaf are not as stupid as they are painted by certain oralists and certain oral authorities. The league of hard-of-hearing escapes such a condemnation. It has at present our profound admiration, respect and congratulations for its determination to understand each other under the handicap of partial deafness. They still think the word deaf carries with it a stigma and will accept the word "deafened" which was an obscure word, rose to prominence in the World War and is now an everyday word. The deaf accept the word deaf and hate the term deaf-mutes. They call deaf-mutes deaf. This is a funny world. Let us make it a paradise on earth, but not a paradise of fools.

With the advent of our present era or the next, rugged individualism will make its exit and its last stronghold. I have every reason to believe from my lifelong observation and study in parlor and in the street, will be the deaf world. The deaf sign-language will not go along as its compensations are growing stronger and stronger. Traffic men, restaurant people, aviators, radio and Hollywood people and hospital staffs, etc., have their own sign-languages. Their signs are well-appropriated to their work, but are capable of being modified and multiplied until all people, oral people, teachers and even the Volta Bureau people will educationally, socially, commercially and economically necessarily use the deaf sign-language. Rev. Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet foresaw it. Nature will be the powerful ally of the deaf sign-language as it is for the Indian sign-language. The Indian sign-language is the fundamental basis on which the deaf sign-language was built, but multiplied like the words in a dictionary. The Boy Scout Manual has a page of the deaf hand alphabet and several pages of the Indian sign-language. The Boy Scout Jamborees are increasing on the face of the earth and the Indian sign-language is correspondingly increasing in use. The N. A. D. banquet had a unique but deep, lovely and comradeship-like appreciation of the address given by the delegate from Czechoslovakia. His sunny, smiling and smooth delivery of his address in the deaf sign-language made us believe we smelled the aromatic soil of Czechoslovakia and its air, saw its national beauty and symmetry and felt its comradeship. I still smell its sun-kissed, moon-beamed and weathered but mellow soil. Forced by environment, conditions, circumstance, living and education, people are fast becoming naturalists. Naturalists recognize and name animals by their foot-print, tail-print and body-print and can read their tragedies, comedies and everyday living. They live close to Nature. Nature is bountiful in signs and lavishes in them.

In order to keep our finger on the pulsation of the deaf and to carter to their task, informations, advice and warn, we must have a periodical along the late *Silent Worker* to soft pedal extremists and faddists and at the same time to keep out some designs on the part of some sinister people. The periodical will keep in unity all lines of endeavor of all the deaf. It will be conducted with dignity.

The resolution regarding "Organ" will bring the N. A. D. around to where it was. It would be better not to start the "organ" at all. It will not meet the requirements that are demanded of the *Silent Worker*-like magazine project and of our present and future living, association and better welfare. The DEAF-MUTES' JOURNAL, a faithful ally of the National Association of the Deaf for fifty-four years, will take care of everything that the "organ" would care to print and in addition what is not likely to be printed in the organ by

reason of the corporation rights of the N. A. D. and will leave out nothing. The "organ" is unnecessary and a waste of money and energy. Its usefulness is very limited and its circulation is consequently small. It will be too one-sided serving one party and antagonizing the other party. It will be a case of "let dog fight dog." It would better be called the N. A. D. Leaflet or Bulletin which is more appropriated and equally unnecessary. The subscription to the DEAF-MUTES' JOURNAL would be a great saving in money, labor and gray matter to the N. A. D. itself and costs to the N. A. D. members and non-members very little. The "organ" could easily be made to further some designing officers. The DEAF-MUTES' JOURNAL is as near to the *Silent Worker*-like magazine as the "organ" properly called the N. A. D. Leaflet or Bulletin is far away from either the DEAF-MUTES' JOURNAL or *Silent Worker*-like magazine idea.

Practically all of the N. A. D. members and friends do not possess the artistic temperament of the promoters of the Exhibition of Fine Arts by Deaf Artists, but it was held in conjunction with the N. A. D. It enhanced the standing of the N. A. D. The attempt of the N. A. D. to do the exhibition would be as clumsy as a city's "Wax Figures" show. The N. A. D. organ would be equivalent to a wax figure show. The *Silent-Worker* like magazine in conjunction with the N. A. D. would give such a touch of refinement and elevation and of national and international character as the exhibition of fine arts by deaf artists is doing to both the N. A. D. and deaf artists and even Roerich Museum. After the establishment of the *Silent-Worker* like magazine, the magazine and the N. A. D. will meet many unexpected and unlooked for things, either enriching them or giving them hard nuts to crack.

The intentional exhibition of Fine Arts by Deaf Artists by the Roerich Museum people in certain cities and the advertisement in certain people with an additional thought of notifying the deaf of these cities to prepare for their visit to their local places to see the Fine Arts by Deaf Artists is not within the vision of the most darest promoter's dream. It is very fortunate for the promoters, deaf artists and the N. A. D.

The Triennial N. A. D. convention sees a change of its personnel, but the *Silent-Worker* like magazine staff will be on their job year to year. The N. A. D. officers may be a poor editorial staff, and the editorial staff poor N. A. D. officers. The duties and the literary make-up of the N. A. D. officers and those of the editorial staff are diagrammatically opposed. The staff will fortunately not have to grind the N. A. D.'s axe or any one's. In the *Silent-Worker* like magazine we can agree to agree or disagree, while in the "organ" we cannot do anything except to carry out the resultant works of the so and so policies and may be liable to temporarily polarize the fundamental truth thus increasing our vision obstruction. Without a prophet, a nation perishes.

The first two articles to the DEAF-MUTES' JOURNAL from the pen of "What Does the Deaf Man in the Street Think of—" are skirmishes; his "Crisis" given in the N. A. D. Wednesday meeting, an opening wedge for the deaf of all shades; his recent article sent to Editor Fox centralizing around the New York City N. A. D. Convention, a mopping job, and this will be a submitted blueprint of the construction policy. This will complete the series of five articles by "The Deaf Man in the Street" and he will go back to his routine of his favorite hobby "Plain Living and High Thinking."

Thank you, everyone of you, for your courtesy, consideration and patience.

A lion's share of my thanks should go to Editor Fox for his engineering skill in steering my train of thought to its destination.

CHARLES LANE CLARK.

CHICAGOLAND

A Chicago boy is the first deaf-mute in history to win a world championship in athletic competition. John Chudzikiewicz, aged 21, who will be graduated from our state school next year, won the javelin throw in the Polish Olympics, held in Warsaw, Poland, early in July, and has just returned to America with his huge medal.

"Chud" as they call him, entered the try-outs at the World's Fair here last June, wearing a gym-suit and rubber-soled slippers, winning the javelin. Just nineteen athletes of Polish descent, mostly famous college and university athletes, were shipped across the Atlantic, all expenses paid, to meet the best Poles of South America, Africa, Europe and Asia.

At Warsaw, he flung the spear 50:64 meters (166-ft.) far short of his best record; also took fourth in the shot-put and fifth in the discus.

A lot of his university teammates learned to spell on their fingers, and thus kept "Chud" posted on developments and news. He says his greatest discomfort arose through never finding a single dish of ice-cream anywhere in Europe. He will be student manager of the school football team this fall as he is far beyond the 18-year age-limit imposed by the High School governing body.

Local vacationists have mostly come home from healthy summers in the sun. The former Mecca of Chicago's Deafdom—Delavan Lake, Wisconsin—now has but two cottages, the Hasenstab and Craig roosts. The Robert Blairs have a super-luxurious layout at Lake Geneva, Ill. But the main crowd thronged the Indiana Dunes—three cottages within a stone's throw holding from 15 to 30 souls. These were the Gus Hyman, Washington Barrow, and Frieda Meagher camps.

Edward S. Foltz, whose camp at Belle Plaine, Kansas, has for seventeen years been the most-publicized of all deaf igloos, spent over a week here seeing the Fair. He was accompanied by his brilliant wife, Fern, who won the beauty contest at the Arkansas convention this past summer; her hearing sister Erma; and by Miss Mary Ross, a teacher in the Kansas school. The Kansasans endured the discomforts of Meagher's Irish Shanty, when not stepping high, wide and handsome. They were tendered a dinner-party by the Arthur L. Roberts, and also a reception by the Meaghers, attended by many of the big shots of Chicago Deafdom. Foltz, who ran second to the popular Charles Kemp for the post of Frat Grand Secretary at the last convention, is one of the local committee of next year's Kansas City convention, and promises a delightful program.

Coach Robey Burns of Jacksonville arranged with the management of the White Sox to provide free admission to the Sox-Yanks baseball game on the 6th, and some 200 silents took advantage of the opportunity. Foltz and party attended next day, it being the first time Foltz had seen "Babe" Ruth since he, Foltz, played against him in football, 1911. Foltz was left-end on the Gallaudet College team when it beat Mt. St. Joseph's College in Baltimore, 6-0, and Ruth was then just a chunky youngster playing right tackle. The two men have risen far in fame since then, though in different lines of sports activity.

Construction and repairs on the state school have deferred opening date from the 4th to 24th. The first three football teams report for early training on the 15th and will open the season at Quincy on the 28th.

Janess is said to have been retired on pension after 32 years employment at the Western Electrical plant here.

Chi-first-frats are hunting a good boxer under 160-lbs., to compete with Mennen Kumis, the star professional Golden Glover of Chi-oral-

106 division, for the Chicago frat championship. This will be the feature of the first night-club ever given by local deaf—an all-night combination of star attractions patterned after the Fair.

Rogers Crocker, deaf guide at the Fair, has been commissioned by Chi-first frats try to organize a basketball team to represent the first division.

Mrs. Tom Gray is back from two weeks vacation in Ohio.

Jim Flood of the Ohio faculty is back after a year's absence. He was on a protracted auto tour out West as far as New Mexico. Other distinguished visitors this column ran across recently were M. B. Reed and wife—he has been printing instructor in the Kentucky school for 42 years; James Chance of Bryan, Texas; Newlyn Spears of Bay City, Mich.; Rudolph Redlich, who owns a poolroom and cigar store near the capitol in Springfield; the Art Johns of Neekosa, Wis.; the John Ottos of Springfield; Miss Katherine Buster of Kansas City, en route back to the Ohio school.

The Chicago Silents Basketball team will be in full swing during this coming season of 1934-35. The team is composed of former Wishbones and South Shore Blues stars, such as Geo. Saunders, William LePeduc, Edward and John Szostkowski, C. French, T. Adducci and other players. Frank L. Bush and Joseph Rudnick are co-managers. Any out-of-towners wishing to arrange games please communicate with Frank Bush, 7310 Harnord Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Neille of Cleveland have been in Chicago, seeing both the Century of Progress and friends.

Central Oral Club reopened its season of monthly parties, the first starting last Sunday September 9th. The locale was as before: Atlantic Hotel, 316 So. Clark Street, Hall K. Compared with Septembers of past years, the crowd was exceptionally larger, counting 60 present, to say nothing of the fact it was a Sunday night. Having passed a quarter-century as a living social entity, it feels justified in taking pleasure in entering its advertisement in the DEAF-MUTES' JOURNAL, to run for one year. The secret of this club's success lay in its democratic attitude to all kinds of the deaf. Its welcome to all was, is, and will always be, wide open.

Harry Davidson and Valeria Zentara were united in wedlock June 9th, 1934, by Father Drzymala, at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, at 5 P.M. The best man was Vincent Brzizinski, and the bridesmaid, Emily Iwick, niece and nephew of the bride. To Milwaukee, they went for their honeymoon. While there, they visited St. Francis' School for the Deaf.

P. LIVSHIS.

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Pittsburgh, Pa.

The N. A. D. convention is now only a memory, and let's hope a pleasant one for all who had the opportunity to attend. It's true the attendance was smaller than in recent years owing to general depressing conditions, but the committees in charge exceeded expectations under the circumstances. Let us all be optimists like Dr. Hall, and hope the new regime will work together for the good of all concerned, as we are sure they will, having the welfare of their brothers and sisters at heart in a common cause.

Those from Pittsburgh were Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Schroedel, Mrs. C. R. Myles, Mrs. Georgia M. Rush, Gladys Havens, Mr. and Mrs. G.M. Teegarden, Mr. William Stewart, Mrs. Clara Smith, Mrs. Edwin Hazel, Mrs. F.M. Holliday, Charles Smith, Floyd Miller, Mr. Wolfson and Pearl Canter.

The art exhibit, the first of its kind given by the deaf, was worth seeing. Charles Smith had three oil paintings of dear old Pittsburgh in all its glory. He said he would not part with them for less than a thousand.

After the convention Mr. and Mrs. Schroedel lingered in New York state two weeks, visiting a brother and family at Bear Mountain. From there the Mrs. went to Philadelphia to spend a couple weeks with friends, leaving hubby to make the trip home alone, as his vacation was up.

Mrs. Myles enjoyed a two weeks' stay with her daughter Jean and family at Dumont, N. J., a short distance from New York City.

Mr. William Durian, of Hartford, Conn., who came very near being second vice-president of the N.A.D., stopped for a couple days in Pittsburgh enroute to Akron, Ohio. He was the guest of the Elmer Havens.

Pittsburgh was honored with a visit from Grand President Arthur Roberts and two of his trustees, Rev. George Flick and Harry Leiter, of Chicago, shortly after the convention. They were given a reception at St. Peter's parish house on Monday evening, July 30th. Old Jupiter Pluvius took a sudden notion to get busy that very night, thus the down-pour kept a great many away, much to their disappointment, including the writers, whose car was then out of repair.

The only deaf affair held hereabouts during the summer was the P.A.D. picnic at Ponzi's farm on the south edge of the city line August 19th. Field contests featured the event. It attracted a large crowd including a number of Ohioans, among whom were Mr. and Mrs. Winifred Roller, of Akron, and Charles Hetzler, of Youngstown.

Mr. Roller is remembered as a star back on the Gallaudet eleven in the '10's and the disbanded Akron Silents. Mr. Hetzler has been employed by a printing firm in Youngstown for about ten years but he has his eye on a government job in Washington which he thinks his prospects of securing within a year good.

Miss Viola Zelch was again a lucky winner at the South Park County Fair recently. The product of her handwork was a standout among the displays of embroidered card table covers.

The P.S.A.D. local branch has resumed activities with the opening of the social season. Saturday evening, September 9th, it held a business meeting at the Pennsylvania Association for the Blind building in the Oakland district. The association generously allowed the branch use of its auditorium every second Saturday of the month insofar as that date did not interfere with the plans of the blind.

The evening was taken up in discussing the desirability of the place as the branch's new headquarters. There were only a few dissenting "voice," the main reason being the location, as so many members have to pay two fares to reach the place.

The suitability of the place for socials surpasses any the branch has ever had. It has a spacious auditorium with tables set conveniently near a kitchen adjoining, which saves steps and shoe leather and may enable the crowd to disperse at an earlier hour.

Word has just been received of the death of Rev. Collins Sawhill, which occurred in Alabama, August 28th. He was a familiar figure hereabouts, having worked in the Carnegie steel mills till retired on pension.

THE HOLLIDAYS

Canadian News

News items for this column, and subscriptions, may be sent to Mrs. A. M. Adam, 5 Fairholt Road N, Hamilton, Ont., Canada.

HAMILTON

Mr. Asa Forrester, of Dunnville, conducted the service in Centenary Church on Sunday, September 9th, and gave a very interesting sermon, taking as his subject "Hezekiah, son of Ahal." Mr. Forrester drew comparisons between the changes made by Hezekiah in the laws and government of the Jews, and the present day changes in government made by Mr. Hepburn in Ontario. The reading was from I Chronicles 20, 1 to 15. Mr. Carl Harris led in the Lord's Prayer. There was a good attendance at the service. Friends from outside points who attended included Mrs. Forrester, Dunnville; Mrs. Gilliam, Stoney Creek; Mr. Peel, Copetown; and the two brothers, Lero, of Brantford.

Mr. and Mrs. John Fisher, of London, were in the city on September 8th and were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, who accompanied them to Toronto on Sunday, when Mr. Fisher took charge of the service at the Wellesley St. Church, where a good-sized congregation gathered.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Breen and Mrs. Angus Quick paid a visit to the Toronto exhibition on September 6th, and had a very pleasant and interesting time.

When Mrs. Taylor was in Cookstown recently, she met Mrs. Gould, of Barrie, Ont., and learned that Mr. Gould has now got a shoe repair store of his own and is doing a very good business.

The baby son of Mr. and Mrs. William Hacking was baptized in Christ Church Cathedral three weeks ago. The baby received many lovely gifts.

Quite a number of the Hamilton deaf gathered at the C. N. R. station on the 15th, to see the scholars returning to the O. S. D. at Belleville. A large number of children from Hamilton, Welland, Port Dover, etc., returned to the school, and there were a good many small children going for the first time. The children seemed very pleased to meet again after their long vacation and all appeared to be quite happy at the prospect of returning to school. Amongst the Hamilton scholars were the Misses Murphy, Donald and Webb, Dennis Armes, Bud Male, Russell Manning, and James Cust.

GENERAL NEWS

Mrs. Douglas Peel, of Copetown, has been visiting relatives in Cayuga for some time, but is expected home soon.

Mr. Hall, of Toronto, was married to a young lady of London, Ont., on September 5th. Mr. John Fisher acted as interpreter at the service and afterwards motored the young couple to St. Thomas.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Walker, of Toronto, who attended the Frat picnic at Oakville, report having had a most enjoyable time.

The London picnic was, as usual, largely attended. About 230 paid for meals and quite a number of people brought their own lunches. There was a good programme of sports and races, which were greatly enjoyed by all.

A. M. ADAM.

Attainments and Problems

Address given at the Nebraska State Convention Banquet by Tom L. Anderson

With all the talk going around about the "New Deal" the deaf are naturally anxious to sit in the game and take a hand.

The only trouble with these "new deals" is that everyone sitting in expects to draw four aces or a royal flush.

Life is not so much a matter of holding four aces, as it is playing the "two spots" with skill.

I have been asked to say something for the benefit of our visitors tonight, about the achievements of the deaf, and to make clear some of our most vital problems.

As to our achievements, it is hardly necessary for me to dwell upon details. Is it not sufficient for me to point out that the intelligence and ability necessary for this organization to meet here as it is doing, to carry out its business through parliamentary methods, to partake of this formal dinner with our invited guests, to launch this formal program of speaking, all has been developed in the comparatively short space of 117 years covering the history of the education of the deaf in America?

From the purely animal existence of the American deaf before they were given their chance at education in 1817 down to the present day, a miracle has taken place, of which the general public knows little. Friends, I can condense it all in a phrase: There we were, and here we are!

Today, we have 200 schools for the deaf in this country. Affiliated with these, we have Gallaudet College in Washington, the only institution for the higher education of the deaf in the world. America leads the world in the education of the deaf, and the deaf of America lead those of the world in their attainments.

Let me point out that if this gathering were being held in England, for instance, we should find the toastmaster a hearing preacher and the speakers probably all hearing people, the "patrons" of the philanthropic enterprises which care for the interests of the English deaf. The deaf would be seated around a table over in the corner.

Through the education given them, the American deaf have been able to make their way as free citizens. Through the enlightened treatment given them by Government, they enjoy the same legal status as other citizens, and have practically all the privileges accorded other Americans for life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

In America, the deaf find it possible to make an independent living, to marry, to own homes and other property, to rear families, to own and drive automobiles, and take part in the politics of government. They also maintain religious, fraternal and welfare organizations of their own, and in general approach the enjoyment of life as freely as other citizens. In no other country except Canada, I believe, are these liberties possible. Yet the only time we consider this at all remarkable is when we stop to think of it against the background of history.

Of our educational achievement, consider that to be able to acquire a fair public school education in the fifteen years the deaf child usually spends in school is no less an achievement on the part of the child than it is an educational triumph of the teacher and the school. Consider that the average deaf child enters school at age 6, with practically no English vocabulary, and that progress must then wait until a working vocabulary, or its equivalent, can be acquired through the eye alone.

Of all the deaf children in our schools, less than 1% go on for higher education. In past years this small percentage has yielded a remarkable number of scholars and professional men and women. I might name famous deaf teachers and school heads, churchmen, editors, lawyers, dentists, architects, business executives, and so on through a list of skilled artisans and workers in many lines.

The less highly educated have taken their places in the humbler walks of life and have won reputations for faithfulness to duty. They command the respect of employers, associates, friends and neighbors. I consider this a great achievement through education.

The question "What can the deaf do?" is more quickly answered by giving a list of things they cannot do. They cannot, for example, become piano tuners, musicians, telephone operators. They are unfitted as stenographers, though they make splendid typists and operators of office machines. They are generally unfitted for jobs where hearing is absolutely necessary.

Alexander Graham Bell invented the telephone, in his efforts to benefit the deaf, especially his deaf wife. Since its general adoption it has been perhaps the greatest single bar to the widespread employment of the deaf as office helpers, even as maids in the home. Many young deaf women are skilled in the household arts, yet the average American woman who can afford only one maid prefers someone who can answer the phone when left alone in the house.

All State schools teach trades, averaging about six trades each. Yet I point to the list of visiting alumni at an eastern school, as a shining example of their versatility, since this list reveals them engaged in more than 90 various occupations.

Perhaps the most notable group achievement of the deaf is the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf, headquarters in Chicago. Organized by deaf men some thirty-two years ago, and managed exclusively by deaf officers since, this society has made insurance history by offering protection at

low rates to able bodied deaf men, formerly considered undesirable risks in the other companies. This Society has met all obligations and at the same time amassed assets of over one and three-quarters million dollars.

Time does not permit a recital of more than a few examples of the achievements of the deaf. I pass on to some of the problems we must face, which we are hopeful that the "new deal" will help us clear up.

Our social problems are generally our private affairs, and I shall not dwell upon them here. Our most vital problems are educational and economic.

I have mentioned the difficulty the average deaf child faces, to acquire a fair education during the years allotted to education. Every possible device to speed up the learning process for the deaf child and to broaden his grasp of the fundamentals should be diligently sought, welcomed and employed by our public schools. On the other hand, every device which slows down the educational process, and makes it harder for the deaf child to cover the fundamentals commonly taught in our public schools should be ruthlessly swept aside.

Last year, our public high schools turned out over five million graduates. Probably 4% of these will go on for higher education, leaving the greater number to boost the average of citizens having a 12th-grade education. It is with these people our deaf young people must compete in life, for everything they may expect to attain.

If our deaf children are to be educated at public expenses to take their places mingling with this great body of high-school graduates, to compete with them for everything worthwhile, then no less than a standard 12th-grade public-school education is their need and their right.

It is futile to turn the deaf youth back into society as "educated today, with less than a 9th-grade education, on the theory that some speech and lip-reading acquired at school will even up his chances in this serious competition.

It is not progress for a great State like Nebraska to hold on its statute books for twenty years a law that henceforth and forever only one method of education shall be employed with the deaf children in the state-supported school.

In that twenty years' time, the methods used in our public schools for the hearing have been repeatedly changed, and are even now in a state of flux in the general bewilderment over the problem how best to fit our young people for life in a changing world.

Dr. Hall, president of Gallaudet College, recently made the following significant statement:—

"Recent investigations and surveys would seem to show that the true measure of success in our schools (for the deaf) cannot be made in terms of speech and lip-reading, but must be made in terms of educational advancement. The day has arrived when the authorities of every school publicly supported must realize that the deaf child is an individual, that the duty of the school is to give the child the best education possible, and to do this a flexible combination of methods of instruction is absolutely necessary."

Iowa has shown the way. By reorganizing the State school, Iowa now offers a standard 12th-grade high school course accredited to the North Central Association. This fall, three Iowa graduates will take courses at Iowa State College at Ames, with all required credits certified. It has thus been shown possible to arrange the work of a State school for the deaf so as to give standard preparation for life in serious competition with the hearing youth.

I affirm that by solving our most important educational problems we will eliminate other serious problems which, taken singly in the lives of the deaf, threaten economic submergence in spite of our brave battle as individuals. Against a background of consistent emancipation from the shackles of ignorance and prejudice, we cannot afford to sit idly by while this submergence overwhelms us.

Of our statesmen we ask only a square deal. We especially ask why conspiracies to keep the deaf out of governmental work and appointive positions they are capable of filling are generally successful.

We ask how it is that the Civil Service has been able to modify the executive order which the organized deaf won from Theodore Roosevelt, admitting deaf candidates to all examinations for positions which they could fill if appointed. Nowadays, practically no more deaf clerks are appointed, regardless of their standing in the examinations.

We ask why it is that no deaf youth are admitted to CCC camps when they are just as capable as anyone else, and their dependents just as direly in need of their support.

We ask why it is that the postal service cannot accept a certain percentage of deaf clerks, to whom the work of assorting mail and other routine would be especially easy considering their quick eyesight and deft hands. The Canadian Dominion governments are glad to employ deaf clerks in the postal service.

We ask how it is that workmen's compensation insurance laws are being twisted by employers so as to bar deaf workmen. Skilled deaf employees of long standing are being dismissed on the flimsy excuse that the plants cannot get insurance if these men are retained. For this reason, and others, there is less and less demand for the deaf in the skilled trades, work for which they are being fitted in the schools at considerable expense to the taxpayers.

We can ask of our statesmen that they continue to stand between us and the numerous cranks who seek by law to deprive us of our hard-won privileges. Laws have been proposed to bar us from driving our cars on the highways our taxes have helped build. Laws have been proposed to bar us from marriage, even to sterilize us. Deaf teachers, of notable success in the education of the deaf child by other methods than the oral method, are now barred from many of our schools, lest the children should have a crutch to help them over the difficult places in their acquisition of an education.

Only from these cranks who would reach us through the laws, do we ask protection. But it is not alone the cranks who do us harm.

An Omaha judge several years ago expressed astonishment that drivers licenses were being issued to deaf applicants, after a deaf man was brought before him involved in an accident. The judge's bitter remarks on the subject were freely published in the newspapers and had their due effect in molding public opinion according to his peculiar bias that all deaf drivers were like this one.

This same judge later ran his car into the side of a moving train one night while returning home from a party. However, we have since heard no proposal from any source that all jurists be deprived of their licenses.

We would ask one great blessing from all concerned: that there be an end to the effort to stigmatize the sign-language. It is one of our greatest blessings in this world of silence. It is a vital part of our lives together, for which we cannot accept, cannot employ the substitute offered by the schools.

Having our own lives to live, we are after all the ones best fitted to judge what methods of education benefitted us most, what type of teacher best reached and fanned our latent spark, what manner of communication serves us best.

Gen. George Dyer Dies at 65

Major-Gen. George Rathbone Dyer, retired, chairman of the Port of New York Authority, and reputed to have done more than any other man for the organization of the National Guard of the State on its present basis, died at 3:40 A.M., Friday, August 31st, at the Doctors Hospital, at the age of 65. He had been at the hospital for ten days, and a week before underwent an operation for intestinal obstruction.

For several days his condition had been regarded as extremely grave, and his three sons, Walter Gurnee, Elisha and George R. Dyer, Jr., were all at his bedside when he died.

Gen. Dyer was a native of Providence, R. I., and was educated at St. Paul's School, Concord, N. H. In 1901, he married Miss Grace Gurnee Scott who died some time ago. He was senior partner of the stock brokerage firm of Dyer, Hudson & Co., but for years, he had devoted the major part of his time and energy to military affairs and the interests of the Port Authority. His home was at Brookville Farm, Glen Cove, L. I.

Gen. Dyer was a member of one of the most distinguished families of Rhode Island, and was a direct descendant of Roger Williams, who founded that colony. Both his father and grandfather served as Governor of the State.

When the New York National Guard was called into the world war and the State left without military protection, Gen Dyer was named by the Governor as chairman of a board to assist in organizing an adequate protective military force. In August, 1917, the Governor placed him in command of all State troops in the Greater New York area, and later he was given charge of the entire military forces of the State, holding this command until the return of Major-Gen. O'Ryan.

In recent years, however, Gen. Dyer has been best known for his work as a Port Authority Commissioner. He became a member of the former New York State Bridge and Tunnel Commission in 1907, and six years later, was made its chairman. In 1930, when control of the Holland Tunnel was transferred to the Port Authority, Gen. Dyer was appointed Commissioner, and with the resignation of John F. Galvin as chairman, he was selected as his successor.—*N. Y. Sun, Aug. 31.*

General Dyer was a Director of the New York School for the Deaf for eight years, 1921-1929. He presented to the School the beautiful trophy case that adorns the rotunda of the Main Hall of the School.

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National Fraternal Society of the Deaf, meets at the Jamaica, Y. M. C. A. Building, Parson's Boulevard and 90th Avenue, Jamaica, the first Saturday of each month. For information write to Secretary Harry A. Gillen, 525 DuBois Avenue, Valley Stream, L. I.

Brooklyn Guild of Deaf-Mutes

Meets first Thursday evening each month at St. Mark's Parish House, 230 Adelphi Street, near DeKalb Avenue, Brooklyn. Mr. Charles B. Terry, Secretary, 65 Lefferts Place, Brooklyn, N. Y.
SOCIALS AND ENTERTAINMENTS FOR 1934
October 27th.—Hallowe'en Party, Mr. D. Aellis.
November 24th.—Social and Games, Miss E. Anderson.
December 26th.—Christmas Festival, Mr. C. B. Terry.
MRS. HARRY LEIBSOHN, Chairman
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Mrs. Nathan Schwartz, on Tuesday, September 12th, presented her hubby, the President of the Deaf-Mutes' Union League, with a baby daughter, weighing seven and one-half pounds. Mother and baby are doing well.

The opening affair of the Loyalty Social Club (Colored) was held last Saturday evening, at the home of Miss Mabel Bowser, in White Plains, N. Y. It was pepped up with happiness, vim and vigor, after the two months' vacation. Members indulged in tales of of their trips to various cities and resorts. A delectable repast was served the guests.

Miss Susie Bowman, of Columbus, Ohio, spent several weeks visiting in New York. She stayed with Mrs. P. Jenkins. After Labor Day, she left for home to resume her studies in the Ohio School for the Deaf. Members of the L. S. C. had the pleasure of making her acquaintance and hope she will be fortunate to come to New York again.

After returning from Chicago, Miss Mabel Bowser attended the Mt. Airy, Pa., convention. Miss Willia Gantt was unable to go along with her, as she was staying at Stamford, Conn.

Portchester, N. Y.

From Mrs. Nancy E. Whitmeyer, we learn that the marriage of Miss Bessie Cogswell, of Willow Street, to Arnold Meirer, of Glenbrook, took place Saturday at 10 A.M. in the Zion parsonage, September 1st.

The ceremony was performed by the pastor, Rev. Arthur Clausung. The bride was attired in a gown of navy-blue silk crepe with matching hat, and wore a corsage of white roses. Miss Maria Ridings, a niece of the groom, was maid of honor and wore a frock of brown silk crepe and hat to match, and her corsage bouquet was of pink roses. Reuben Butler was best man.

Upon their return from a wedding trip to New Hampshire, Mr. and Mrs. Meirer made their home in Springdale on Knickerbocker Avenue. Mrs. Meirer was educated at the Mystic School and Mr. Meirer at the Hartford School.

A birthday surprise party was given in honor of Miss Edith H. Marshall at her home in East Portchester, N. Y., by her friends on September 8th.

They enjoyed games and a lot of fun. Also whist was played. Miss Marshall and her brother, Gilbert, won prizes. Refreshments of ice-cream and cake were served.

Miss Marshall received beautiful gifts.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Bettels, Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Butler, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Meirer, Mr. and Mrs. John Bosca, Mr. and Mrs. Sandy Guinta, Mrs. Nancy E. Witmeyer, Miss Mary Darby and Miss Josephine Panapado, all of Stamford, Conn.; Mr. and Mrs. George Simpson, of Greenwich; Mr. and Mrs. Lester Marshall, of Portchester, N. Y.; Mr. John Barker, of Coscob, and Mr. Gilbert Marshall, of Bridgeport.

Starting for the White Mountains, Miss Rose Marshall motored, accompanied by her two friends and her sister, Edith, alone, who got off in Medford, Mass., to visit her friend, Miss Lenora Cross. On the way home they stopped for Edith and all returned home after their ten-day, most enjoyable vacation, the last week of August.

In spite of the abundant colored population of the Mississippi Valley, owners of river steamboats have long had trouble in getting men to work as "roustabouts" or deck-hands. The work is hard; the men have no rest on a trip except such as they can catch in the moments between the frequent landings. All freight, even

of the most bulky and heavy nature, has to be carried on the back or dragged up gangplanks by hand, often to banks high above the deck. Wager vary from sixty-five to one hundred dollars a month and board; and men are hired from the time a steamer leaves her port of departure till she arrives back, which may be two days or a week. The crew usually "jumps" on arrival at port, and does not ship again till its wages are spent. Recently steamers were detained in New Orleans several days, while the officers tried to induce negroes to ship. The men held off on account of general prosperity. Steamers on the upper river are sometimes deserted in the middle of a trip. Italians are now employed in the work experimentally, and several steamers out of Memphis now have regular crews of "rousters" from Italy, who stay with the boat. Other river-men are watching the experiment with interest.

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